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United States Department of State

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Dear Mr. Miller:

I am writing in further regard to the Central Intelligence Agency's draft "Intelligence Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989". The Department of State continues to object to proposed section 393(a) of section 501 (Support for Defense Intelligence Collection Activities) because the proposed statutory language does not require consulation with the appropriate Chief of Mission.

The proposed section by section analysis relating to proposed section 393(a) states that nothing in that section alters or derogates from the responsibilities of the Chiefs of Mission under 22 U.S.C. 3927 or with established procedures for coordination with the Secretary of State in the conduct of intelligence activities. If proposed section 393(a) is not intended to derogate from Chief of Mission responsibilities, the Department sees no reason why the Chief of Mission's responsibilities should not be addressed in the proposed statute.

Moreover, experiences over the last few months have heightened the Department's awareness of the importance of coordinating covert intelligence activities of the type that section 501 would authorize with the appropriate Chief of Mission. Accordingly, the Department Delieves that requiring consultation with the appropriate Chief of Mission in section 393(a) would result in greater clarity of legislative intent and may avoid future problems in implementing commercial cover operations.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable

James C. Miller, III,

Director,

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